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TWO CENTS.

CHRISTMAS OF A BAD BOY

How He Melted Hearts of Citizens

And Raked in Many Shekels.

The little boy, with dishonest traits was not idle yesterday. He needed the Christmas generosity in his business. The bad boy is rather a composite quality. He is up to all manner of tricks. He is a student of human nature. And moreover the original and only genuine bad boy lives in Benton Harbor.

Yesterday he began business on Morton hill. He knocked on the door of a gentleman well known for his charity. When the man appeared the urchin was looking sad and forlorn. He had just lost a quarter—all the money he had. Would the kind gentleman help him search for it? He was going to buy his sick mother a book for Christmas. He got the quarter and successfully worked the trick at many other residences.

Then between long drawn out sobs, the newsboy would tell his tale. "Pa" had sent him out to sell the papers and no one would buy. And "pa" had threatened a flogging—an awful flogging—if the papers weren't sold by 5 in the evening. And it was 4:30 now. The good citizens of course would bite and buy all the papers, paying a good deal more than two cents a copy for them.

Later in the day he tired of Morton Hill and longed for the activity of Pipestone street, consequently he invented a new scheme. He stole several newspapers of old date and with these posed as a newsboy.

Whenever a kind looking citizen hove in sight the tears sprang to the bad boy's eyes and his mouth opened wide and he was a bawling, trembling little boy. The citizen of course would stop and exclaim:

"Why, what's the matter, my little boy?"

In the evening he attended Christmas exercises in one of the churches. He had his eyes open and when the officers distributed boxes of candy to the faithful pupils he stole into a class of boys and swore he had attended every Sunday. He received his candy. So the bad boy spent his Christmas in Benton Harbor and at night he retired about as happy as bad little boys ever are.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodal Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

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All kinds of Shot Guns and Rifles to rent by the day or week.

Wedge and Wall Tents for sale.

My Soda Fountain for sale.

About 14 wagon loads of second-hand truck of all kinds for sale. I loan money on all kinds of personal property, except stolen goods and I always have lots of goods on hand that I am glad to sell. I will sell my entire stock of goods, wares and merchandise to any man that wants to go into business in Benton Harbor. I have sold goods enough in the last 22 years and I am ready to go into business. Will not trade for a cent's worth but want the cash. If you notice I will pay \$4.00 per pound for good, dry, clean ginseng. If you will pay the best market price for all kinds of raw ginseng. Square deal all the time.

Geo. A. Jackson
or in All
Everything.

THE WEATHER.

Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday, except snow flurries near lakes. Northwest winds, falling.

TELEPHONE PROSPERITY.

Twin City Company Has Increased Capital to \$75,000.

The Twin City telephone company, with headquarters in this city, has increased its capital stock to \$75,000. Two and a half years ago the company started with a capital of \$25,000. It was only a year until the \$25,000 was all used in construction and the capital stock was increased to \$50,000. Up to this time \$58,000 has been used in construction and there is a demand for new local and state lines that will require the expenditure of the money received from the sale of this new stock.

This new stock has been put on the market. It is preferred stock and is guaranteed to pay 8 per cent—2 per cent quarterly. Several of the leading business men of the city are holders of these telephone securities.

The company now gives steady employment to about twenty hands.

There are three expert electricians, 9 telephone girls in this city and four in St. Joseph, and from 3 to 8 linemen in the two cities the number of its subscribers is growing at the rate of ten a month.

WILL FIGHT LAW.

COMMISSION MEN WILL NOT BUY LICENSES.

Chicago commission men will not buy licenses and put up \$1,000 more to do business in Michigan but instead they have banded together to fight the law. The local solicitors have joined them and will continue their fight toward making a test case.

It is claimed that many local authorities, including Judge C. Wood, have pronounced the law unconstitutional.

NEW BANK OPEN.

Benton Harbor State Bank is Doing Business.

The Benton Harbor State bank opened its doors to the public this morning and quite a business was transacted.

The room has been neatly paneled and painted and the fixtures in position it makes one of the prettiest banks in the county.

1 W. Conkey is president of this bank and William Ruop is cashier.

WORTH HEARING

The Concert to Be Given Next Friday Night.

A delightful concert will be given in the First Universalist church next Friday evening, December 29, at which time the favorite artists, Mrs. Nellie Hobbs Smythe and Mrs. Octavia Hobbs Bracken, will again appear before a Benton Harbor audience.

These ladies need no introduction to the music loving people of this city where a few years ago they had a large class in vocal and instrumental music. They will be assisted by R. W. A. Smythe, tenor, Will S. Bracken, baritone, and Miss Anna Watson, reader. The admission has been placed at 50 cents and all are invited to attend.

Two Divorces.

Ella Strait of Buchanan has filed a bill for divorce with the county clerk. In her declaration she says that her husband, William Strait, has deserted and refuses to provide suitable support.

Cornelia Burrows has commenced divorce proceedings against her husband Charles N. Burrows on the ground of non-support. The couple reside in Niles.

For a New Trial.

Attorney Gore of this city representing N. W. Harris & Co., of Chicago and Attorneys O'Hara and Stratton of St. Joseph are in Grand Rapids today arguing a motion for a new trial in the case of Harris & Co. vs. the city of St. Joseph.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative, Bromo Quinine, Gantos. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Geo. M. Bell & Co.

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TIME OF GOOD CHEER

How Benton Harbor Churches Observed Happy Christmas Time

CHILDREN WERE MADE HAPPY.

Some Exercises on Saturday Evening and Others Held Last Night.

The Christmas season of good will was ushered in by the Methodist Sunday school Saturday evening. The little ones did themselves proud before a large audience of friends and parents; and then the officers in turn did themselves proud in the distribution of boxes of nice candy to the pupils. Nor were the teachers forgotten by their pupils. Many presents were presented to them by the little tots and the bond binding teacher and pupil was reinforced. One 12-year-old boy gave Miss Fannie Hopkins, his teacher, a pair of knit slippers which he had made himself. The teacher prized the gift very highly.

Never has the church looked prettier than it does now in its holiday dress. The decorations are in white and green and represent a bell swinging in a hollow circle of flowers. On the two sides of the bell are the words "The Prince of Peace." Miss Florence Hopkins had charge of the decorations.

The following is the full program remained by the Sunday school pupils Saturday evening:

Song—God Bless Us All—Adele Weller
Song—When We're Up On Stock—Adele Weller
Registration—Adele Weller
Song—William A. Bell—Adele Weller
Play—In Primary Department

Every number was liberally applauded.

CHEERED BY SANTA.

Tells Baptist Children They are the Best on Earth.

The children of the First Baptist Sunday school very pleasantly entertained a large audience at the church last night with their Christmas exercises.

The church was prettily trimmed

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Shoes

and...

Rubbers

..Away Down



On January 1, 1900, the boot and shoe stock of A. S. Miles will be consolidated with this, and in order to make room it will be necessary to greatly reduce my stock.

If you wear shoes

Now is your time to buy, as prices will be cut so deep that it will be impossible to keep goods on our shelves any length of time, we want them to move and to move quickly.

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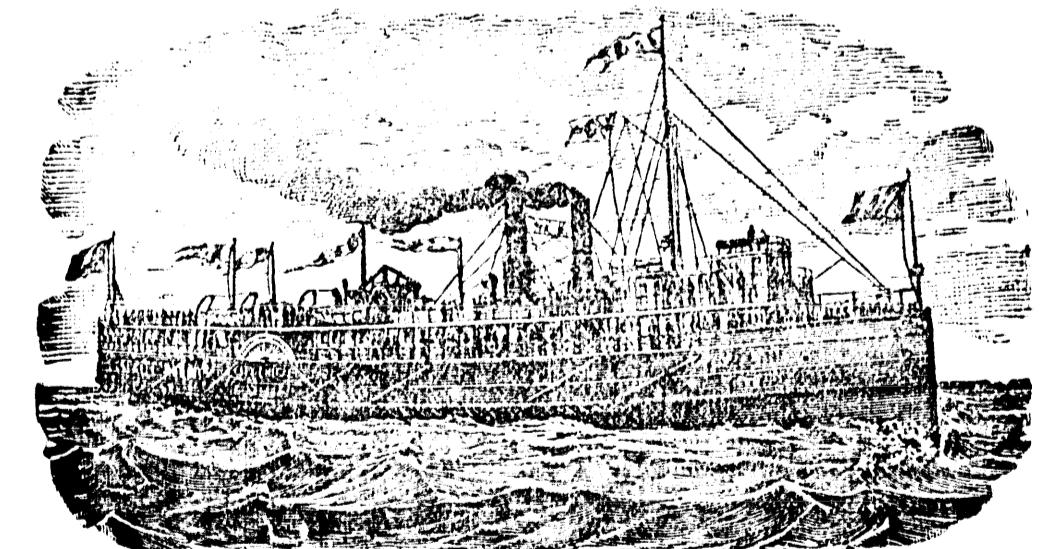
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The right is reserved to change this schedule without notice.

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TOWNS ARE SHAKEN.

Southern California Visited by an Earthquake.

SHOCK SEVERE AT SEVERAL POINTS.

A Number of Buildings Damaged, the Loss at San Jacinto and Hemet Being Estimated at \$100,000.
—Six Indians Killed.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Southern California experienced the worst earthquake in recent years at 4:26 Monday morning. The shock was felt throughout the southern third part of the state, with indications that it was central in the desert east of Los Angeles. The most serious damage was done at San Jacinto, a town of 2,000 persons near the mountains separating the populated section from the desert. Reports from San Jacinto are to the effect that six Indians were killed by falling buildings, and that of the business portion of the town not a business block escaped serious injury, most of the buildings being completely wrecked.

Many Injured.

In many cases the walls of the buildings are level with the ground and the merchandise is covered with a mass of wreckage. The streets of the town are rendered dangerous because of the walls which are threatening to fall at any time. It is believed that the only fatalities from the earthquake in that section of the country were the killing of Indians who were sleeping off the effects of a debauch in an adobe house near the town. That all the white persons in the brick buildings should have escaped with their lives is considered marvelous, but the list of injured is reported to be large, and some of those who suffered may have been fatally hurt.

Estimate Damage at \$100,000.

The town appears to have withstood a long bombardment, and the loss is estimated at close to \$100,000, with no insurance. The shock was preceded with a loud roaring noise, which awakened the people and permitted them to rush from the buildings just in time to escape the falling walls. In the residence section of the town there are many buildings which have suffered greatly, though the frame buildings stood the shock much better than those of brick.

At Hemet.

At Hemet, three miles from San Jacinto, several brick buildings were thrown to the ground, and it is believed that at least one person suffered injury. The buildings which were most injured were a flouring mill and Johnson's brick block. Through all the towns in San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego counties, the people were roused from their sleep, and even old Californians in hundreds of cases ran from their houses, though no town except the two mentioned have reported any loss of life or any great destruction of property.

At Other Points.

A tidal wave was caused at San Diego. Clocks were stopped at Ventura. People rushed from their houses in flight at Santa Ana. Windows were broken at Needles. There are two or three towns in the vicinity of San Jacinto which have not been heard from and which cannot be reached. It is certain that the shock must have been severe at those points, but no damage may have resulted.

In Los Angeles there was a lively time at the hotels, particularly those patronized by tourists, many of whom ran into the hallways in other than walking costumes. A number of plate glass windows were broken and several buildings show large crevices as evidence of the severity of the shock. A series of cracks in the walls of the city hall and of the courthouse, two stately buildings, cause considerable uneasiness, though the buildings are not considered rendered unsafe. There were two shocks, the first being the most prolonged. The shock lasted about 12 seconds, the undulations being from north to south.

Will Investigate.

New York, Dec. 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary of State Hay will have a thorough investigation made of the reported seizure by British cruisers of several cargoes of American flour on Delagoa Bay, South Africa. Instructions have been sent to the American consul at Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese South Africa, directing him to make a thorough inquiry and to do everything in his power to prevent illegal interference with American commerce by either belligerent.

The Plague in New Caledonia.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—It is reported that the bubonic plague has made its appearance at Noumea, capital of the French penal colony of New Caledonia. Ten Kanakas have succumbed to the disorder, and four whites have been attacked. The disease is said to be spreading.

The Indians Win.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—The Carlisle Indians and the University of California football teams met here Monday in the presence of 10,000 people. When the game ended the score was 2 to 0 in favor of the red men.

May Consolidate.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—It is reported in railroad circles here that a deal is pending to consolidate the Detroit & Lima Northern, the Ohio Southern, the Lake Erie & Western and the Monon systems.

Don't Believe It.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Cardinal Gibbons discredits the report that a papal decree has abolished celibacy among priests in South America.

THE MINE HORROR.

Deaths from the Disaster in the Brazell Colliery May Reach Forty.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—The Brazell mine horror grows in intensity with every hour. The number of the dead is now estimated at 40, and may pass that figure. At the same time there is a strong presumption that the laws regulating mining were carelessly and probably criminally disregarded. Sunday the first bodies of the victims were brought out of the mine, and never in the history of mine disasters were human beings so horribly mutilated. It was nearly 11 o'clock before the first five bodies were taken out, 28 hours after the explosion. At 5:30 three were brought to the surface, and at 6:30 three more came up in the cage of the main shaft. At least 12 other bodies are in sight, but cannot be reached on account of the debris.

John, or as he is popularly known, "Jonah," Meese, is one of the 13 who escaped from the mine alive. He is fearfully burned and is lying at his home with his head swathed in bandages. He told his story Sunday. He said:

"I was in the stable currying my mule when the explosion occurred. My brother Sam was by my side, and his boy Albert was standing in front of him. Then came the crack of the explosion. Never in my life had I heard such a terrific report. I thought my head had been blown off. In about two seconds the mine was filled with dazzling light, as the fine coal dust in the air was consumed. My brother Sam dropped to the ground as though shot through the heart. He must have been killed instantly. His boy Albert swayed and fell over upon his father. I began to back out of the stable. That is why my face is so terribly burned. I was afraid to turn my back upon the mules for fear they would stampede and run down. I did not know then that they had all been killed by the explosion, for our lamps were blown out and we were in total darkness. After I got out of the stable I heard Albert crying for help. I went back and found him and Henry Atwood, a driver. I succeeded, half leading and half carrying them to the foot of the mine shaft. They were both delirious, and I believe I was too. Both of them persisted in standing up and began to walk around. I immediately forced them to lie down, to get them out of the path of the fatal after-damp, which hovered about four feet above the ground. Then I felt myself going to sleep, but I did not care, although I realized that it was the sleep of death. I laid down upon something which I could feel, although I could not see, was a corpse, and fell asleep as calmly as ever I did in my life. When I awoke somebody was forcing me to swallow brandy and coffee, and I was trying to explain that it would be needless for me to drive a wagon, as there had been an accident in the mine. The force of the explosion was terrible; my face and scalp is literally filled with coal dust blown into it, just as if it had been shot out of a gun held within a few inches. Another evidence of the force of the explosion was discovered to-day. On the hillside 50 feet back from the main shaft, was discovered an arm and a foot. They were portions of a victim, killed 18 feet below the surface and blown out of the shaft like a bullet from a rifle."

From statements obtained it seems clear that the presence of gas in quantities in the mine was perfectly well known and that naked lights were used for several days before the explosion. According to credible authority, not a single safety lamp was used in the mine by the working crews since last Tuesday morning, four days before the explosion.

William Pastorius, a driver in the mine, tells a sensational story. Pastorius, who has lived in Brownsville for many years and is regarded as a man of intelligence, says that Pit Boss Jones on last Tuesday morning issued a general order that all safety lamps might be dispensed with and in their stead the miners were permitted to use naked lights. Pastorius also states that the lamps were unlocked, contrary to regulation.

Among the men at the Brazell mine Sunday were many who had been at other explosions, but never had they seen such mangled, burned and distorted bodies. Of one of the men, Peter Crosey, but a portion of the trunk and the back of the skull remained, and that was virtually but a cinder. He was identified by a shred of his shirt that had been blown into his flesh. Of the 12 dead there was but one that was not a hideous spectacle.

Senator Beveridge Talks.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—Senator Beveridge said in an interview that the currency bill would undoubtedly pass the senate the first thing after the holiday recess and that immediately after passage the question of the Philippines will be taken up. He says the republicans of the senate will take a stand for expansion and will fight for the annexation of these islands. The issue, he says, will be one of the leading ones in the next campaign.

Twelve Little Girls Burned.
Quincy, Ill., Dec. 25.—The funeral services over the bodies of the 12 little girls who were burned to death in the fire at St. Francis school Friday were held Sunday afternoon and were attended by 10,000 people. Eleven of the victims of the fire were buried in one lot in St. Boniface cemetery and the other one was buried in St. Peter's cemetery.

Flour Mill Burned.
Augusta, Ga., Dec. 25.—J. M. Berry's flour and meal mill was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. The mill had a capacity of 6,000 barrels per day. The loss is as follows: Stock, \$35,000; building, \$25,000; machinery, \$55,000; insurance, \$83,000.

Enormous Holiday Business.
Chicago, Dec. 25.—Chicago shopkeepers say holiday trade was the best ever known. The public bought liberally and of a better class of goods. It spent \$4,000,000 in State street.

Will Soon Start.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 25.—The American Window Glass company is making preparations to start the fires in all of its plants next Saturday.

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Fare Round Trip, 75 Cents.

The Electric Street Railway Co. will run a car to Benton Harbor before arrival of our special train from South Bend. Arrangements have also been made with the South Bend St. Ry. Co. to meet our train at Chapin street line on arrival and bring passengers back to train after performance. Prices for this attraction range from 25c to \$1.50. Diagram may be seen and seats reserved at St. Joseph Dock Station. In order to secure choice seats, call early. F. A. KING, Agent.

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TWIN CITY TELEPHONE 172.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26, 1899.

IT only lacked a white veneer of being a green Christmas.

"It is better not to receive."—Revised version by man who got a Christmas present in the neck.

It is reported that Gen. Buller did not hang up his stocking Sunday night for fear he would find something in it.

SANTA Claus will hereafter be banished forever from England. His photographs bear too striking a resemblance to Oom Paul.

THERE is a certain class of people who will steer shy of the lecture to be given in this city tomorrow night by Col. George W. Bain. The lecturer will pay his compliments to the "New Woman" and that lady will not enjoy his remarks. The audience will not suffer, however, as every husband of a "New Woman" from a circle of many miles will be there.

THE republicans of Illinois are scrambling about to find a man to succeed Senator Mason when his term of office expires in four years. This is rather premature. Mr. Mason is now in disfavor because he has the courage of expressing his honest convictions, whether those convictions are in accord with his party or not. In four years from now, however, Mr. Mason may be the most popular man in the country. Popularity often follows persecution and the hero of today is often the despised of tomorrow.

There is more Catarach in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarach to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarach Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Puerto Rico Tours.

Three tours of the beautiful island of Puerto Rico are scheduled to leave Detroit January 11, February 15 and March 8. Special Pullman sleeping and dining cars will convey the party to New York, thence on board the splendid new steamships "Ponce" and "San Juan" to and around the island by rail, automobile, carriage and boat.

Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

These selected limited parties will be under the special escort of Mr. Walter Townsend under the management of the American Tourist Association, Reau Campbell, General Manager, 1423 Marquette Bldg., Chicago, O.

Itineraries, maps and tickets may be had on application to the agents of the Chicago & West Michigan Ry., or to the General Passenger Agent at Grand Rapids.

Old Mexico Tours.

On Tuesday, January 23, a special vestibuled train of Pullman Palace cars, compartment, drawing-room, library, observation and dining cars will start from Chicago for the City of Mexico and other prominent cities of the Republic, returning via New Orleans, making the tour of all Mexico complete. The party will be strictly limited and absolutely first-class.

Tickets include all expenses everywhere.

The tour will be under the personal escort and direction of Mr. Reau Campbell, General Manager of the American Tourist Association.

For maps, books of the tour, tickets, etc., call on agents of the Chicago & West Michigan Ry., or write to the General Passenger Agent at Grand Rapids.

NEW LUMBER STOCK.

Capt. McDonald Has Added Large Stock in His Line.

EDITOR NEWS: I have just built an addition to the Stock Exchange building, corner East Main and Wall streets, have put in a carload of windows and doors, also lime, cement, stucco, hair, building paper and a complete line of paints and oils.

I have between one and two million shingles on hand; in fact a full line of building material can furnish a bill from a chicken-coop to a palace. Would be glad to receive a share of the public's patronage. Thanking all for past favors, I remain, Yours very truly,
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ARE WELL PLEASED.

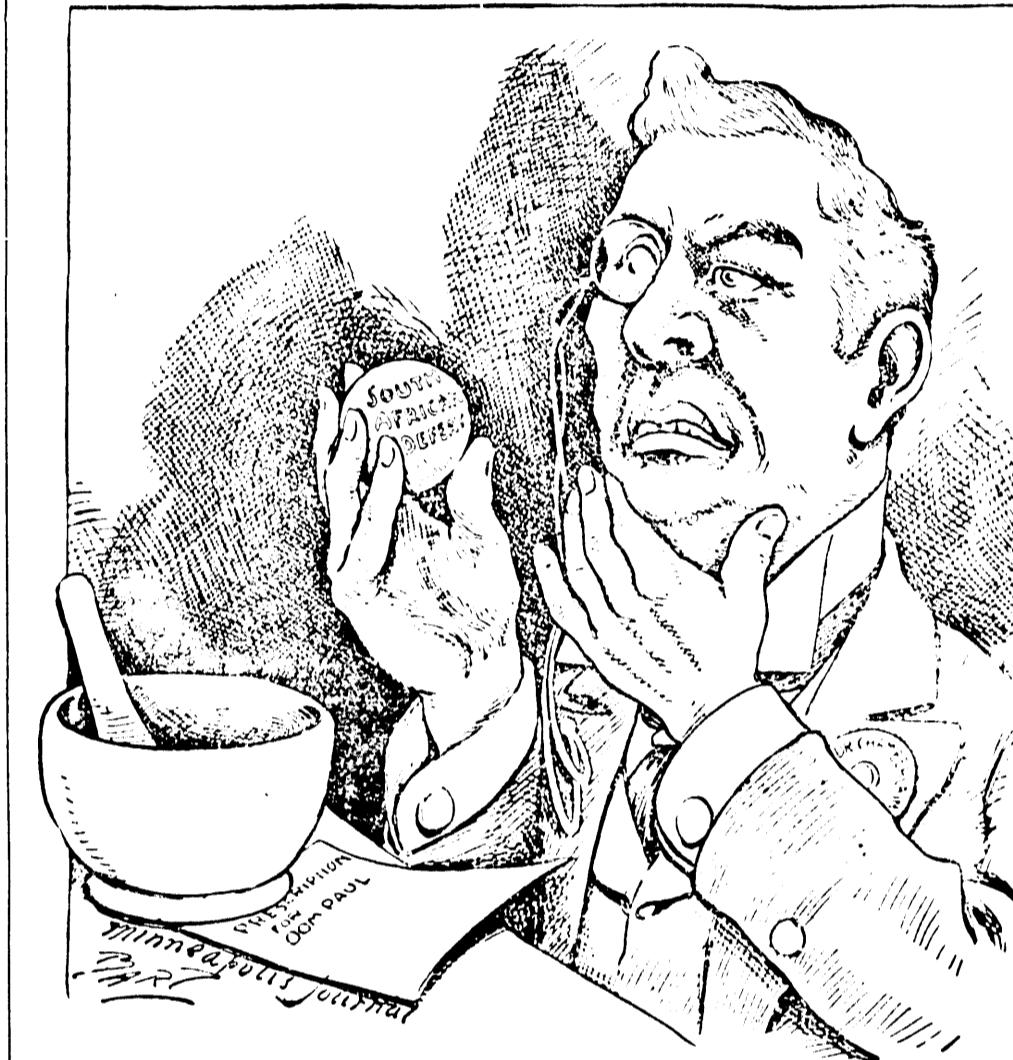
Situation in the Philippines Suits Washington Officials.

BELIEVE WAR WILL SOON BE ENDED.

Gen. Young Is Made Military Governor of Northwestern Luzon—Civil Municipal Governments Being Established.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Washington officials are very much gratified at the existing situation in the Philippines. The insurgent army, which dominated the northern part of the island up to November 5, when the American campaign began, has disappeared; American garrisons are established at more important points, promising peace in the surrounding territory, and the general condition has so improved that Gen. Otis considers it feasible to open all the ports of northern Luzon to trade. Gen. Otis will now turn his attention to the rebels south of Manila, and, it is expected, will begin active operations against them in a few days. Just what the strength of the insurgent force in southern Luzon is the authorities are unable to say, but it is likely many of the insurgents under Aguinaldo in the north have joined the rebels in the south. The authorities would be glad to know that their conclusion is correct, for in the south there will be a good opportunity to cut off the armed

A BITTER PILL.



Doctors never like to take their own medicine, neither does Dr. Chamberlain.

Filipinos, and if a large number could be captured at one time it would mean the death-blow of the revolution.

Aguinaldo Dodging.

Aguinaldo has not yet reached the southern territory, but is believed to be in the northern mountains, trying to elude the American columns, which are scouring the country. Aguinaldo is undoubtedly working his way south, in order to gain command of a large force.

A foreign officer, who is familiar with the Filipino methods of fighting, said that the government should not be too certain the rebellion in northern Luzon had been quelled. Before the war with the United States Spain had experienced no difficulty in sending columns from one end of the island to the other, but the natives organized guerrilla bands and continued the war, and the greatest difficulty was met in suppressing them, peace usually being secured by liberal promises. This officer said the policy of garrisoning important points would tend to minimize guerrilla work, but he believed that until Aguinaldo was captured or killed the war would continue.

Young Appointed Governor.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Gen. Young has been appointed military governor of the provinces of northwestern Luzon, with headquarters at Vigan. His command includes the Thirty-third infantry, under Col. Luther R. Hare, and the Third cavalry. He will establish permanent stations at San Fernando and Laog, with outposts wherever needed. The Sixteenth infantry will proceed to Apurri, garrisoning such towns as may be deemed necessary in the provinces of Cagayan, Isabella and Nuevo Vizcaya, of which Col. Hood has been appointed military governor. Gen. Young and Col. Hood are establishing civil municipal governments, and the ports in northern Luzon will be opened for trade about January 1.

Death of a Famous Scout.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Bushrod Underwood, who achieved fame as a scout in the army of Northern Virginia, died here Monday, aged 56 years. Many deeds requiring great coolness and courage were credited to him by Gen. R. E. Lee and Col. John O. Mosby, of the Forty-third Virginia cavalry, to which command he belonged.

A Young Hunter Killed.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 26.—Frank Moore, aged 14, son of William Moore, of Blue Mound township, while hunting on L. B. Gordon's farm in company with his cousin, Cecil Baldridge, aged 13, of Illinois, accidentally discharged his gun, killing young Baldridge instantly.

THE LAWTON FUND.

Committee Desires to Have It Reach the Sum of \$50,000—Of This About \$30,000 Has Been Raised.

New York, Dec. 26.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Adj't Gen. Corbin estimates that the Lawton fund, including subscriptions received and pledged, amounts to \$30,000. It has been decided by the committee having the fund in charge to have the fund reach \$50,000. It was originally intended to only raise a sufficient sum to pay off the mortgage on the Lawton homestead in California, but it is now believed that the people of the country will be willing to contribute an amount which will place Mrs. Lawton and her children above want. In the mail Sunday Gen. Corbin received \$3,500 in checks and cash, bringing the total amount thus far actually received up to \$14,000. Telegrams have also reached Gen. Corbin from prominent persons showing that at least \$16,000 more is assured, and he is satisfied that no difficulty will be experienced in bringing the total up to \$50,000. Among the new contributors are William K. Vanderbilt, \$1,000; J. Pierpont Morgan, \$1,000; C. P. Huntington, \$1,000; Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, \$1,000, and Helen Gould, \$500. It is the expectation of members of the committee that ten subscriptions will be received amounting to \$1,000 each. Secretary Root and Adj't Gen. Corbin sent personal appeals to 150 residents of New York, all of whom have signified their intention of making contributions. Thus far the contributions from the

FORMS NEW DANGER.

Glanders Breaks Out Among Cavalry Horses in South Africa.

THIS MAY PROLONG THE CAMPAIGN.

Both British and Boer Animals Suffer from the Disease—A Boer Account of the Battle of Tugela River.

London, Dec. 26.—Nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wounded, as well as accounts of sickness. The most serious report of the last class is that horse sickness has broken out in both British and Boer camps in Natal. Four hundred British cavalry horses, it is said, have already been shot, owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies, and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

Horse sickness in South Africa generally appears during the latter part of January, and lasts three months. The present outbreak is unusually early.

Boers Draw Near.

A dispatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, December 19, says: The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenso foot bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela river. The enemy are taking up fresh positions on the eastern side, nearer the British camp. The British position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of heavy rains. A two-hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable news reports the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso.

The news that the Colenso foot bridge has been destroyed seems to show that Gen. Buller is more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance.

The mails are just arriving from Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the superiority of the Boer artillery. The Times correspondent says: It is impossible to evade the opinion that if British gunners were in the Boer positions the loss of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be ten times greater.

The first batch of Boer prisoners has arrived in England. It is announced that the government has accepted another offer of a squadron of Canadian rough riders.

A Boer Account.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17.—Over 500 British prisoners, captured at the battle of Stormberg, have arrived here. They have been taken to Waterfall to join the other prisoners.

An official account of the Boer casualties at the battle of Tugela river says 30 men were killed or wounded.

Gen. Schalksberger's report of the battle, dispatched from the head laager, December 16, says:

"Friday, at dawn, the day long-expected arrived. The Pretoria detachment of artillery gave the alarm. Gen. Buller's Lady Smith raid column was in battle array advancing on the Boer positions, east of the Tugela and Colenso. The center consisted of an immense crowd of cavalry flanked on each side by two batteries with strong bodies of cavalry supporting. The Boer artillery preserved absolute silence, but the British were in a position to see the Boer positions. Two batteries came within rifle distance of our most position, and the Boer then opened fire with deadly effect. Our artillery also commenced, and, apparently, absolutely confounding the enemy, who were allowed to think the bridge was open for the men to cross. The British then made an assault on the Boer in most positions, but the Boer rifle fire was so tremendous that they were forced back like a spent wave, leaving bodies and残骸 of dead and dying, apparently buried. Again the British advanced to the attack, but again fell back, leaving the dead and dead.

"The British were in full retreat to their original position, they sent an aviator to the Tugela, where the British commandant of the bridge had a hundred men in the river. Two British aviators had to be sent to the river to bring them across. The British essayed to bring horses to cross the river. The first time they succeeded in getting one onto one end, and on the second in getting the horses and men to the opposite end.

"Then the British were in full retreat to their original position, they sent an aviator to the Tugela bridge across the Tugela to prevent the burghers from recrossing the river. The French attacked. V. Jones and the German troops, Brown says the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe. Gen. Botha and the Boer were always at the most dangerous points of the fighting. Eleven ambulances removed the English dead and wounded. Such a tremendous carnage had seldom been heard. The field, for miles, was covered with dead and wounded. It was a most crushing British defeat. Nine of the canon have since been brought across the river. The British asked for and were granted a 24-hour armistice."

Worried Over Churchill's Escape.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The government is much concerned about the escape of Winston Churchill, and the officials are doing their utmost to discover how he got away. The officials have instituted a house-to-house search for incriminating papers. The Volkstem asserts that he escaped disguised as a woman.

The Queen's Christmas.

London, Dec. 26.—For the first time in 13 years Queen Victoria and the royal family passed Christmas day at Windsor.

The duke and duchess of Connaught and the children of Princess Henry of Battenberg were of the party. Not only was there a baron of beef arranged, but there was also a magnificent Christmas tree, with many-colored candles for the children, in which the queen evinced the greatest interest.

It was in fact her express desire that the grandchildren who assembled about her should not have their Christmas marred by the events which have saddened her own heart, and the festivities at Windsor castle, though tinged with sadness, such as fills all English hearts, carried no suggestion of sorrow to the children who gladdened

the queen's presence with the pleasure she is always able to find in the company of her youngest descendants. The keynote of the festivities at Windsor was the queen's unalterable devotion to and faith in that empire which she believes will ultimately achieve the highest aims and ambition of her unselfish reign.

May Invade Canada.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Officials here are deeply interested in the report that Holland and Irish societies are planning a raid on Canada broadly similar to that attempted by the Fenians in 1865-6. The administration will make diligent effort to maintain the neutral position which international law demands under the circumstances. The British embassy, it is understood, has within 24 hours called the attention of the state department to the pro-Boer feeling in the United States, with the suggestion that this government exercise the utmost caution in preventing the sailing of filibustering expeditions to South Africa. The state department replied that it would do its best to preserve the law of neutrality.

IN ASHES.

A Christmas Day Fire Destroys Property Worth \$200,000 at Hastings, Minn.

Hastings, Minn., Dec. 26.—Nearly three blocks of buildings in the business portion of the town, principally fronting on Vermillion street, were burned early Monday with a loss of about \$200,000. The fire broke out in R. C. Libby & Co.'s sawmill, evidently the work of an incendiary, and the entire plant, with planing mill, storehouses, lumber, office, sheds, etc., was consumed. One million and a half feet of upper grade lumber were also burned. A strong northwest wind was blowing and the flames spread rapidly to St. John's hotel, owned by John Kleis, and the saloon of Kleis & Grub, both buildings being laid in ashes. The flames then swept across Second street and laid low business houses for nearly a block. The scene in imminent danger, M. Fred Busch wired the mayor of St. John's for aid, and as soon as possible steamers and supply wagons were down, which materially aided in stopping the spread of the flames. People are thrown out of employ and others are rendered homeless.

IN THE FRUIT SUBURB.

What Progressive Fair Plain People are Doing.

Fair Plain, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale are the happy parents of a baby girl.

M. Marsh, the principal owner of the school, has gone to his home in Bazaar to spend the holidays.

Miss Floye Rowe of Chicago, and at Christmas with her parents.

Miss Mabel Heath left Monday for Louisville, Kentucky, where she will spend a few weeks with friends.

Frank King is home from Alton after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes entered a company at dinner Thursday evening.

Miss Agnes Schneider is here for the holidays.

Miss Hilda Bertram is home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are home for the holidays.

Mr. Gersonde and family have moved to town. His son-in-law, Mr. Johnson, will take charge of the place this coming season.

Mr. Emery has been improving his summer resort quite extensively.

Appropriate Christmas exercises were held in the school hall Saturday evening.

Miss Mabel Holmes left for Chicago Monday.

Harry Mess is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gustafson are in Chicago visiting friends.

The ladies reading circle met with Mrs. Holmes Thursday afternoon. They will meet with Mrs. Eastman next Thursday.

The young ladies F. W. C. were entertained at luncheon by Miss Holmes at her home on Colfax avenue, Wednesday.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Lowe & Witherspoon's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Purchase your Christmas candles at the Candy Kitchen, 123 Territorial street. All fresh, pure candles made every morning. Pop corn, nuts of all kinds, fruits, everything fresh and nice and cheap. A. E. ATKINS. 68:6

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LOCAL BREVITIES

THE Rescue Mission now has a Twin City phone. Their number is 105.

Miss Edith Plummer is home for the holidays.

THE entire plant of the Wolverine sugar company is shut down for a few days.

It was Samuel Trimble, not John, who was lucky enough to get a gold watch on Christmas.

A RECEPTION will be tendered the newly elected county Sunday school officers next Friday evening in the Methodist church at St. Joseph.

THE Benton Fuel company announces a removal sale from now until the first of the year at which time they will remove their general offices to the room now occupied by A. S. Miles.

SUPERINTENDENT Shears of the Rescue Mission desires to extend the thanks of the mission to the Congregational Sunday school for several packages of fruit and provisions.

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THE boys of the Y. M. C. A. remembered Prof. Cronheim, the assistant secretary, Saturday evening with a large turkey and other articles for Christmas cheer. The professor was delighted.

If the parties who took the long mink bon from the Congregational church last Monday night, will return it to the Congregational church Sunday, no questions will be asked nor will they be exposed.

LAKE navigation between this port and Chicago will close this week. The steamer City of Louisville will leave this port tomorrow night and will return Thursday night, when she will be laid up for the winter.

COUNTRY commissioner Jennings who was in Niles a part of Saturday stated that there was more trading going on in a half hour at Wallace Brothers than there was in the whole city of Niles during the time he was there.

WORK on the new Bell opera house was impossible today on account of the cold. Mr. Mills says if the weather does not improve within a few days salamanders will be put in and the work will proceed no matter what the weather is.

THE members of the Christian church last Sunday extended a call to the Rev. J. W. Taylor for another year, which was accepted. He has been in this city and pastor of the church one year and has done excellent work and made many friends.

F. D. Smith and wife have gone to Chicago to spend the winter. Mr. Smith has 250 pianos in the city to tune and during the evenings he will play in a leading orchestra. They will return to Benton Harbor the latter part of March.

CHARLES the young son of ex-Sheriff Whitecomb, is dangerously ill and the attending physicians have given up all hopes of recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Whitecomb have many friends in this city who will be grieved to hear of their misfortune.

THE steamer City of Louisville is ill in Chicago. Last Saturday night the boat started from Chicago to this city with quite a passenger list and a heavy load of freight including five horses. After being out about four hours the steamer put back into Chicago.

THE fire department was called out about eleven o'clock yesterday morning to the home of J. W. Johnston, Morton avenue. Mrs. Johnston was burning up an old mattress when some shavings in front of the furnace caught and for a little while it looked as if a serious fire would be the result. Prompt action on the part of the neighbors and the fire department soon had the flames extinguished.

JUSTICE Kimball has rendered a judgment of \$40 against the West Michigan nursery company in the case of the nursery vs Cutler and McKee. The nursery sued to recover on a note and the defendants claimed an offset so as to place the nursery company in debt to themselves. It is likely that the case will be appealed. Capt. Frank P. Graves was attorney for the plaintiff and Charles N. Sears for the defendants.

THE GOFFSTOWN, N. H. Chronicle says of Col. Bain's lecture, "The New Woman and the Old Man," to be delivered as the fourth number in the Y. M. C. A. lecture course at the Methodist church tomorrow night: "We believe no face was present that was not wreathed in smiles by the irresistible force of his humor, nor eye that was not dimmed by his pathos, while his flights of eloquence were a delight to all."

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A sure relief for that "all gone" feeling in the stomach is a visit to the Hotel Phoenix lunch counter.

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FATE CRUEL TO THEM.

The Loeffler Family of St. Joseph Have More Than an Even Share of Trouble.

\$5,000 FIRE ON CHRISTMAS.

Their Green House Burned. Following Closely on Heels of Other Calamities.

August Loeffler's greenhouse, situated a mile from St. Joseph, burned to the ground Sunday evening. The houses were run by August Loeffler, Jr. and he had just left them and was eating his supper at the residence a short distance from the hot houses. Someone called up by telephone and asked if there was a fire in that vicinity. Mr. Loeffler rushed out and was terrified to see the flames issuing in bright sheets of red from the roof of the largest building. The fire department was called at once and in a wondrous short space of time the brave ladies arrived and did all in their power to save the buildings. But the wind, blowing a gale, fanned the fire and the flames grew larger every minute. A large crowd gathered and watched the work of the demon which was bringing a \$5,000 loss as a Christmas present.

The greenhouses of Mr. Loeffler numbered five. They were the largest houses in this vicinity and were planted in cucumbers, lettuce and other garden produce, which were shipped to Chicago and other points and found ready market. Mr. Loeffler also supplied the local market.

The original cost of the houses was \$6,000 on which there was no insurance. Mr. Loeffler doesn't know whether he will rebuild. Glass is unusually high at this time - a box formerly costing \$2.80 now selling for \$4.80.

The fates appear to be turned against the Loeffler family. About a year ago Charles Loeffler, a young law student of great promise, died. A few weeks later Herman, the youngest son, was nearly killed by the kick of a horse. Then the large barn burned to the ground and all the carriages, feed, harnesses and other apparatus was consumed. And yet the ill luck was not ended. Mrs. Loeffler became sick and after passing weeks in a Chicago hospital is today in a dangerous condition. The destruction of the greenhouse marks the climax and leaves the family wondering "what next?" The eldest son was murdered in Chicago several years ago.

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

E. C. Weaver spent Christmas at Eau Claire.

Miss Grace Geer is confined to her home by illness.

J. Stanley Bailey is visiting his parents in Kenosha.

Francis Ellis of Chicago, was Miss Lewyler James' guest Monday.

C. G. Closson and wife are spending the holidays in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gilbert Trowbridge is visiting his mother and other friends at Warren, Ind.

Miss Minnie Felts of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the guest of friends in this city.

Miss Ida Newland of Chicago, was in the city spending Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hipp are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ora Jackson of Chicago.

James W. Pearl is in Chicago on business connected with the new Bell opera house.

Mrs. B. F. Moore and daughter left for Sturgis this morning for a week's visit with friends.

Ed Myler who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Enders has returned to his home in Niles.

Fremont Evans returned this morning from Baroda, where he spent Christmas with his parents.

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Will Hancock returned today from Saugatuck, where he went to spend Christmas with his family.

Dr. Freehner left this morning for Branch county where he was called to perform two surgical operations.

J. P. Upton of Battle Creek, is spending the holidays with his brother, Emory Upton and family, Brunson avenue.

J. W. McEachren formerly of this city but now employed on the Chicago Evening Post spent Christmas with relatives and friends here.

L. E. Hughs who now holds an important position with the Metropolitan Insurance company at Galesburg, Ill., is visiting his many friends in this city.

Miss Ida Edgecumbe very pleasantly entertained a company of friends at her home on Morton Hill last evening.

Henry C. Rowe circle, ladies of the G. A. R. will meet tomorrow afternoon promptly at 2 o'clock. All officers and officers elect and as many members as possible are requested to be present.

A. A. Hoadley very pleasantly entertained a company of friends at Christmas dinner yesterday afternoon.

The social society of the Woman's Relief Corps will meet Wednesday afternoon, December 27, with Mrs. Pulsifer, on Broadway. All members are requested to be present at roll call as there is special work to attend to.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of George Murphy, corner of Main and Nowlan streets, last evening at 6 o'clock, at which time the Rev. E. A. Hoffman united in marriage Arthur Woodley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Woodley to Miss Lottie Murphy.

The house was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and smilax and the ceremony which was performed at 6 o'clock was very impressive. The immediate relatives of the young people witnessed the ceremony after which a dainty wedding supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodley will for the present reside with his parents, three miles east of the city.

There will be election of officers at the Court of honor meeting tonight. All members are requested to be present.

A family gathering and Christmas tree was enjoyed at the home of L. B. Woodley, 105 Baird street. Four generations were represented as Mrs. Woodley's mother, Mrs. Moore, aged eighty-four, was present from Wallaceburg, Ont. Mrs. Moore is first cousin of the Hon. David Mills, minister of justice of Canada. S. Farnsworth and family also enjoyed the turkey and tree at this home.

A reunion of the Kimball family to the number of twenty-seven was held at the home of S. B. Kimball at 189 Territorial street Christmas day. The inclement weather did not effect the enjoyment of the occasion.

GRAIN MARKET.

Following are the prices of grain and provisions on Chicago board of trade today furnished by E. W. Moore & Co., commission brokers:

	Open'g	High	Low	Close	Yest'Y
Dec.....	66	66	67	65	65
May.....	69	69	68	69	69
Corn—	30	30	30	30	30
Dec....	33	33	32	33	32
May....	33	33	32	33	32
Oats—	22	22	22	22	22
Dec.....	23	23	23	23	23
May....	23	23	23	23	23

Pork closed today at \$10.02 bld; lard 85.47; ribs, \$5.42.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton, of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklin's Arntes Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts. box. Sold by Lowe & Witherspoon, druggists.

Notice.

The steamer Louisville will make her last trip for this season, leaving Benton Harbor at 8 and St. Joseph at 9 p. m., Wednesday and will leave Chicago Thursday night at 11:30. This will close lake navigation between here and Chicago until sometime next March. J. H. GRAMM, Pres. 7346

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TIME OF GOOD CHEER

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with festoons of evergreen while the platform contained several Christmas trees. Curtains were so arranged that they could be drawn. After singing by the congregation Master Roland Snow gave a clever recitation which was followed by a well produced cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Dream."

Santa appeared on the stage and said that he couldn't see why the boys and girls of today were not like they used to be. Years ago they were contented and happy with ordinary toys while now they expected bicycles and dolls that would laugh, cry and sing.

The children who were expecting a visit from Santa heard his remarks and proved to the old gentleman that he was mistaken. Mike McGinty, the boot black from Tumbledown alley, told Santa that he was perfectly satisfied if he received warm clothes while the other children said that they did not care for presents for they had learned the lesson that it was more blessed to give than to receive.

Before the children had finished telling Santa all they wanted to he arose and declared that the boys and girls of today stood head and shoulders above the boys and girls of any generation.

Following the cantata the children of the Sunday school were given boxes of candy.

MRS. SANTA CLAUS

Wife of the Children's Patron Saint at Presbyterian Church.

Never was the Presbyterian church as jammed as last evening. The pupils of the Sunday school had labored and studied and practiced for weeks under the direction of Mrs. George Thresher and last evening they appeared before a crowded house of friends and parents. With songs sweetly sung in child's voice and recitations, dramatically delivered, the little ones entertained their guests for two hours. And no one grew tired. Two questions were suggested to everyone present. Where did the directors find so many appropriate Christmas pieces and Christmas songs, and how did they drill so many little pupils so perfectly?

There were about forty numbers on the program and not a bad one in the lot. A solo by Miss Louise H. Bailey took the house literally by storm and far surpassed all similar attempts in that line. The pupils sang several songs composed by Musician Marquis in the Presbyterian church last summer. Among these "The Child of Infinite Love" is worthy of special mention. It is a very pretty piece and the school did justice to it last evening.

Mrs. Santa Claus and the fairy of Christmas cheer delivered boxes of candy to the faithful pupils. Mrs. Thresher made a good wife to jolly Santa, and her little daughter was a very sweet fairy with wand and crown of gold.

A PROGRAM OF MUSIC.

Feature of the Christmas Tree at the Christian Church.

At the Christian church the Sunday school gave their Christmas entertainment on Saturday night. The program consisted of special music by the choir. The infant class also gave two very appropriate songs. There were a number of class exercises and dialogues that were very enthusiastically received. The recitations were all good and showed careful training. The program closed with a tableau, "Christmas Time." The visit of Santa Claus was received with joy. He distributed his presents from a Christmas tree which presented a beautiful appearance loaded with candies, popcorn and gifts. The church was handsomely decorated.

ACTED AS WISE MEN.

Children of Congregational Sunday School Offered Gifts.

A very pretty Christmas entertainment was given by the Congregational Sunday school last evening. Santa Claus was on hand in all his glory and distributed candy to all the pupils of the school young and old.

One of the striking features of the evening program was the imitation of the wise men of the east who brought gifts to the child Jesus. Instead of bringing gifts to the Child King the children were invited to bring gifts to be distributed among the poor and there was a large collection of provisions placed upon the altar of offering.

The church was artistically trimmed under the direction of Clarence Skinner. There were five beautiful tableaux which illustrated the story of the first Christmas. This was one of the most successful Christmas entertainments ever given by the church.

On Sunday evening the choir, under the able direction of A. P. Cady, rendered in a most pleasing manner the cantata, "The Prince of Peace."

ST. JOSEPH.

Miss Iola Humiston is spending the holidays out of town.

A. J. Wallace, of Traverse City, is home for the holidays.

Miss Gustie Groff entertained a party of young people at her home on Main street last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gould gave an oyster supper to a few of their friends last evening.

Miss Mabel Hudson entertains a party of young people at her home on State street Thursday evening.

The football game, billed for Christmas day, was decided in favor of the weather by a high percentage.

Bryson Terry and wife, of Chicago, are guests of Capt. and Mrs. M. C. Barnes.

For the first time in years the family of A. W. Wells ate Christmas dinner in the north. Formerly they have reserved that honor for Florida, where they spent the winters. This year however they remained north, and Ordern, a student at Harvard, and Miss Clara, an art student in Grand Rapids, joined the family last Saturday.

Saturday night the Truscott boat company presented each one of their ninety men with a large fat turkey. It was a happy sight to see the ninety men marching from the factory with a

turkey under their arms. The employees surprised the managers of the factory by presenting the office with an elegant office chair.

The R. C. C. will be entertained Wednesday evening of this week by Miss Bessie Wells of Benton Harbor, at her residence on Territorial street.

George Daniels, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Mabel Hudson this week.

W. F. McDonald returned to Chicago this morning.

Marriage Licenses.

Emery Hagen, 19, Morrocco, Ind.;

Fannie P. Cole, 16, same.

George Robertson, 24, Benton Harbor;

Ellen Johnson, 19, same.

Van Gulliver, 44, Benton Harbor;

Lavina Woodruff, 36, same.

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Judson E. Rice reports a larger Christmas trade in pictures and many orders still coming in. A large stock of cabinet frames received too late for Christmas are offered very low.

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Being obliged to vacate our present office on Water street, we have arranged to move to the commodius and central quarters at the junction of Pipestone and Michigan streets January 1st, where we will in future solicit the continued patronage of our friends. In the few days intervening we will conduct a removal sale. This does not necessarily mean lower prices but that we will wait on all comers promptly from our large stocks of every variety of fuel. The coal yards remain in the same location, remember that only the general office will be moved.